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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

GIACOMINI ET AL.

Examiner

Thong H Vu

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claims 1-22 are pending.

***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 11/15/04 with respect to claims 1-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Wu et al [Wu 6,823,377 B1].

3. As per claim 1, Wu discloses a method comprising:

hashing at a first processor a first resource identifier to create a hash key,  
wherein said first resource identifier identifies a first resource [Wu, a hashing value to a proxy cache with one proxy ID, col 3 line 60-col 4 line 32; col 5 lines 42-62];

transmitting from said first processor to a second processor said hash key and a request for said first resource [Wu, caching servers and requests hashed, col 1 lines 53-65];

receiving at said first processor a second resource in response to the transmission of said hash key and said request for said first resource [Wu, caching servers and requests hashed, col 1 lines 53-65]. It was clearly that the servers

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collaborated the hash key value for a better load balance which provides a second source in response].

4. Claims 8,15-22 contain the similar limitations set forth of claim 1. Therefore, claims 8,15-22 are rejected for the similar rationale set forth in claim 1.

5. As per claims 2,9 Wu discloses receiving at said first processor a second resource identifier in response to the transmission of said hash key and said request for said first resource [Wu, proxy ID, col 7 line 40-col 8 line 11].

6. As per claims 3,10 Wu discloses said first processor verifies that said second resource is said first resource by comparing said second resource identifier to said first resource identifier [Wu, mapping proxy ID, col 4 lines 40-65].

7. As per claims 4,11 Wu discloses transmitting from said first processor to said second processor said first resource identifier in addition to said hash key and said request for said first resource [Wu, mapping proxy ID, col 4 lines 40-65].

8. As per claims 5,12 Wu discloses said second processor stores said second resource and said second resource identifier in a data structure that is indexed by said hash key [Wu, index, col 6 lines 6-32].

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9. As per claims 6,13 Wu discloses said second processor verifies that said second resource is said first resource by comparing said second resource identifier to said first resource identifier [Wu, mapping proxy ID, col 4 lines 40-65].

10. As per claims 7,14 Wu discloses said hash key and said request for said first resource are transmitted from said first processor to said second processor when said all (or a portion) of said hash key is contained in a list of valid hash keys associated with said first processor [Wu, hash partition, col 6 lines 6-32].

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Thong Vu, whose telephone number is (571)-272-3904. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Jack Harvey*, can be reached at (571) 272-3896. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306

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